

# Art News

## A word from Mrs. Koperno

It has been a joy to see students back on campus! They have transitioned well and seem happy to see their friends.

We have reached the countdown to our high stakes testing! All 3rd - 8th grade students will participate in the computerized version of the AzM2 (AzMerit) state assessment. Our 4th and 8th grade students will also take the computerized version of the AIMS Science assessment. We will begin the testing process on Monday, April 13th. Teachers will need your support so that your children do as well as they possibly can on the tests. Please check the calendar and ensure that your children are in attendance and on time the days they will be testing. Students who do make-up testing don't do as well as those who test with their class.

We will do our best to maintain a positive environment on campus during testing. You can help by getting students to school every day on time. Be sure they are well rested and have a positive attitude. They will have many additional breaks throughout the day. We will provide every student who is testing with a good breakfast and snacks. Teachers may ask you to help with this by providing donations of healthy snacks. Together we can turn this testing into a positive experience.

Remind your children that they are ready for these tests and that you have confidence in their abilities to do well! That is, perhaps, the best thing you can do for your children during this critical assessment time. We believe in them and so should you.

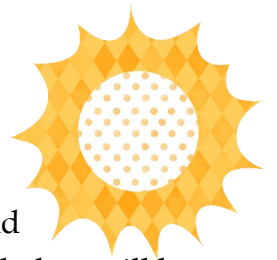
Thank you so much for your support!

Mockia Vaughn also known as Ms. V is from Atlanta, Georgia. She may be new to Arizona however she is thrilled to be teaching at Mesa Arts Academy. Ms. V has been dancing for 10 years. She also was a cheerleader and captain for 4 years straight. Ms. V is trained in various dance styles such as ballet, jazz, hip hop, and many more. She also makes sure everyone is learning something new, every time they walk into her classroom! She wants to create an environment where kids can feel safe and comfortable to be themselves. Ms. V cannot wait to meet all of the children as well as their parents!

## AzM2/AIMS Testing Schedule

All students must be at school on time each and every day of the AzM2 testing period. Please have your child at school by 7:30am.

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| 4/13 Tuesday AzM2 3rd, 5th & 8th Grade Writing             | AZELLA 1st Grade |
| 4/14 Wednesday AzM2 4th, 6th & 7th Grade Writing           | AZELLA 1st Grade |
| 4/15 Thursday 5th & 8th Grade Science Make up testing      |                  |
| 4/19 Monday Reading/Math 3rd, 5th & 8th Grade              | AZELLA 1st Grade |
| 4/20 Tuesday Reading & Math Day 1 4th, 6th -7th Grade      | AZELLA 1st Grade |
| 4/21 Wednesday Reading and Math Day 2 3rd, 5th & 8th Grade | AZELLA 2nd Grade |
| 4/22 Thursday Reading and Math Day 2 4th, 6th & 7th Grade  | AZELLA 2nd Grade |
| 4/23 Make up all testing                                   |                  |



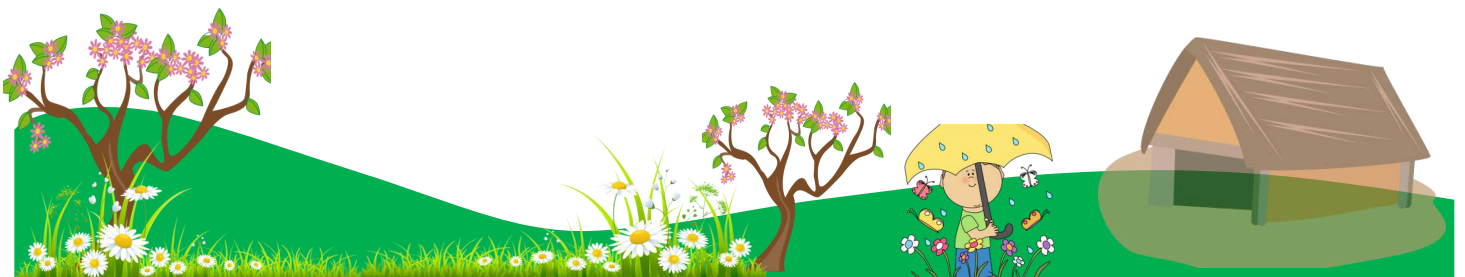
**Kinder** -Wow!! Spring is here and we have begun our final quarter of the year back in school. Hooray!! I hope you enjoyed having extra time to learn and love your little kindergarteners. Now that the students have returned to school, they will be working hard daily to write sentences in journals. In reading, they will continue to learn all the letter sounds as well as continue to learn and practice many sight words. They will begin to read in decodable books. I encourage you to continue reading with your child each night. Read! Read! Read! In math, the students will focus on addition, subtraction, comparing sets and story problems through the end of the year.

**1st & 2nd Grade** What a whirlwind time it has been returning to the classroom! There are still many things to do to finish out another great year. Thanks for encouraging and supporting our students at home as well as at school. Some first graders have already met the year-end goal of reading 69 words per minute and many other are on their way to that goal. The class will spend a lot of time learning and practicing sight words as they are a big part of the reading process. Second grade students are well on their way to the goal of reading 111 words per minute. First grade students are focusing on subtraction and second grade is working on addition and subtraction with two-and three-digit numbers.

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle. The weather will be getting warmer, and this is especially important.

**3rd, 4th & 5th Grade** -Yeah! It's so good to see everyone back in person! April is here and so is state standardized testing. Although testing will look different this year, third, fourth, and fifth grade will take the computer-based AzM2 tests in reading, writing, and math. To help get them through this rigorous testing schedule, please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats healthy meals.

**Jr. High** Our school is abuzz again with the laughter and energy of our students. It has been terrific to have them back in the classroom. The students were able to jump back in with our modified schedule and have learned the new routines quickly. Now we look ahead to AzM2 state testing, which will take place the middle of the month. The school will share the exact dates as testing nears. Please try to avoid scheduling doctor's appointments during those dates. Meanwhile, make sure students get a goodnight's rest. Thank you for your support.



# Happy Birthday!



**Zaire S.**  
**Cailyn O.**  
**Anthony G.**



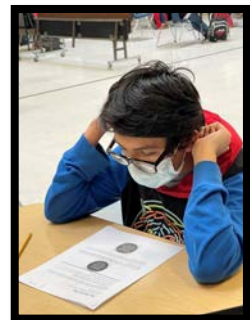
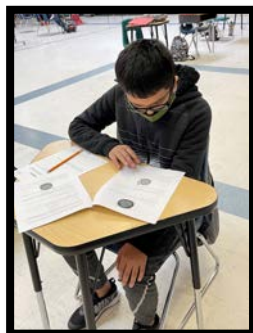
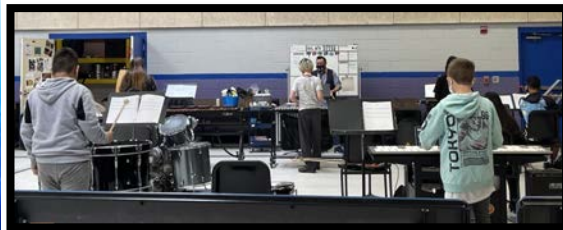
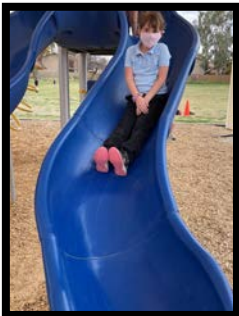
**Ava V.**  
**Joan L-P**  
**Raymond L.**  
**Samuel B.**  
**John R.**  
**Anthony C.L.**

**Ethan S.**  
**Danitza S.N.**  
**Samantha E.B.**  
**Nevaeh J.**  
**Benjamin L.**  
**Stefano E.**



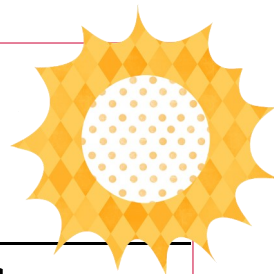


# Great to be back at school!







# April 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu                          | Fri  | Sat      |
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|     |     |     |     | <b>1</b><br>April Fool's Day | <b>2</b><br>Spring Holiday<br>No School<br>Club open for those members that paid their April fee 7:00-6:00pm | <b>3</b> |

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AzM2/AZELLA Testing

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| <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>Administrative Professionals Day | <b>22</b><br>Earth Day<br> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> |
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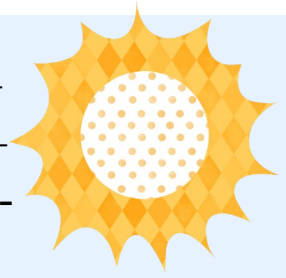
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| <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>Arbor Day<br> |
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Participating in MAAPO events count toward required volunteer hours. Please enroll your Fry's V.I.P Card to Fry's Community Rewards Program. Log in at



[www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](http://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com) and follow the instructions. Find Mesa Arts Academy and the number for the school is **80353**.

We encourage you to ask your friends and family to link their rewards card to our organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, the more supporters shop with fry's Food Stores the more money Mesa Arts Academy will earn!

We have a total of 34 households participating, with a total donation \$ 109.24 from December 2020-February 2021

Thank you parents for your support!!!



You can connect with MAA and the Club all on Facebook!



**MAA:** <http://www.facebook.com/MesaArtsAcademy>

**MAAPO:** <http://www.facebook.com/MesaArtsAcademyParentOrganization>

**Grant Woods Branch:** <http://www.facebook.com/grantwoodsbranch>



# Can you Help?

## Donations needed!

**Hand sanitizer**

**Paper towels**

**Disinfectant Wipes**

**Zipper bags**

**Tissue**

**Baby wipes**

**Bottled Water**



## AzM2/AIMS Testing April 13-23

All students must be at school on time each and every day of the AzM2 testing period.

Please have your child at school by 7:30am

**Arrival and Dismissal** -For safety's sake, students are not allowed on campus in the morning until staff supervision is provided at 7:15 AM.

**When classes are dismissed**, students who do not attend the Club must be picked up promptly. Students that walk home will be dismissed at 3:30pm.

If you would like your students to attend the Boys & Girls Club, the fee is \$60 a month. Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

**Tardy Students**-They must be signed-in in the school office by a responsible adult (18 years or older). If your student walks to school and he/she is running late, please call the office to inform us.

# CLUB NEWS

## PARENT ALERT!

Parents these are the steps you must complete in order for your student (s) attend the Club:

- A ) Completed membership forms and submitted them to the club
- B ) Paid monthly dues (if they are under 13)
- C ) Attended an orientation

If you have any questions please call the Club at 480-844-0963

**Friday, April 2nd**

**Club will be open for those members that paid their April fee. 7:00am-6:00pm**



| PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | <br><b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS CLUBS OF THE VALLEY</b><br>Grant Woods<br>221 W. 6th Ave.<br>Mesa, AZ 85201<br>480.844.0963<br><hr/> After School Program<br>Monday - Friday<br>3:00PM - 7:00PM<br>Wednesday<br>2:00 PM - 7:00 PM<br>\$60 Monthly fee<br>Payments are due by the 20th of the month, prior to the month of enrollment, and must be paid before a child attends the club. If the fees are not paid by the 25th, an automatic \$10 late fee will be added to the regular fee. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to know the Club's hours of operation. Members left past hours of operation will result in a late pick-up fee of \$10 per child for every block of 15 minutes. These fees must be paid prior to the child's return to the Club.<br><hr/> Branch Director:<br>Jennifer Cummings<br>Program Director:<br>Jaime Fernandez<br>Branch Administrative Coordinator:<br>Maya Sabbagh |
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| <br><hr/> <b>Spring Holiday</b><br>Friday, April 2nd<br>Open 7:00 AM - 6:00PM<br>Included with Monthly Fees! | <br>5 <b>Gym:</b> Balls in the Bag<br><b>Art:</b> Easter Rock Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Bunny Cut Out Painting<br><b>Games Room:</b> Colorful Dodgeball<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Make a Resume | <br>6 <b>Gym:</b> Sharks & Minnows<br><b>Art:</b> Tissue Paper Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Hang Man<br><b>Games Room:</b> Three Legged Race<br><b>Teen Center:</b> News Literacy | <br>7 <b>Gym:</b> Charades<br><b>Art:</b> Stained Glass<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Design A Maze<br><b>Games Room:</b> Spoon Egg Race<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Money Matters | <br>8 <b>Gym:</b> Simon Says<br><b>Art:</b> Stained Glass (cont.)<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Caterpillar on a Leaf<br><b>Games Room:</b> Cup Stacking Race<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Types of Poetry | <br>2 <b>Gym:</b> Basketball Relay<br><b>Art:</b> Spring Tree<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Shaving Cream Eggs<br><b>Games Room:</b> Game Rotations<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Volleyball Scrimmage<br><b>*Open 7AM-6PM*</b> |   |
|   | <br><hr/> <b>Basketball Practices</b><br>Every Monday<br>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM<br>Games<br>Every Saturday<br>8:30AM  | 12 <b>Gym:</b> Protect the Castle<br><b>Art:</b> Glass Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Magic Melting Skittles<br><b>Games Room:</b> Word Game<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Create a LinkedIn  | 13 <b>Gym:</b> Waspital<br><b>Art:</b> Glass Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Jello & Vinegar<br><b>Games Room:</b> Felt Race / Kickball<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Current Events   | 14 <b>Gym:</b> Yoga<br><b>Art:</b> Glass Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Butterfly Life Cycle<br><b>Games Room:</b> Relay Race/Giant Jenga<br><b>Teen Center:</b> DIY Candles   | 15 <b>Gym:</b> Big Bingo<br><b>Art:</b> Glass Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Rainbow Leaf<br><b>Games Room:</b> Badminton<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Journal Prompt   |   |
|   | 19 <b>Gym:</b> Ball Pit Pickup<br><b>Art:</b> Sponge Painted Butterflies<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Tracing Numbers<br><b>Games Room:</b> Extreme Hopscotch<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Online Job Hunting   | 20 <b>Gym:</b> Kangaroos & Crocs<br><b>Art:</b> Button Snails<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Initial Decorating<br><b>Games Room:</b> Zig Zag Race<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Recipe Research<br><b>*Payment Due*</b>   | 21 <b>Gym:</b> Musical Chairs<br><b>Art:</b> Ribbon Wand<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> 2D & 3D Marshmallow Shapes<br><b>Games Room:</b> Rock-Paper Scissors Race<br><b>Teen Center:</b> DIY Body Scrub   | 22 <b>Happy Earth Day!</b><br><b>Gym:</b> H.O.R.S.E.<br><b>Art:</b> Baby Yoda<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Hang Man<br><b>Games Room:</b> Sprout Ball<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Telling Your Story   | 23 <b>Gym:</b> Chicken Tag<br><b>Art:</b> Baby Yoda<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Paper Jelly Fish<br><b>Games Room:</b> Game Rotations<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Basketball Shoot Out   |   |
|    | 26 <b>Gym:</b> Beanbag Golf<br><b>Art:</b> Squirt Gun Painting<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> DIY Pasta Necklace<br><b>Games Room:</b> Freeze Tag<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Mock Interviews  | 27 <b>Gym:</b> Simon Says<br><b>Art:</b> Crumpled Art Project<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Roll the Dice<br><b>Games Room:</b> Capture the Flag<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Kitchen Skills   | 28 <b>Gym:</b> Yoga Bingo<br><b>Art:</b> Clay Dough Eggs<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Rock Painting<br><b>Games Room:</b> Duck Duck Goose<br><b>Teen Center:</b> DIY Laundry Soap   | 29 <b>Gym:</b> Trash War<br><b>Art:</b> Clay Dough Eggs (cont.)<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Design a Maze<br><b>Games Room:</b> Balloon Race<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Self-Assigned Prompt   | 30 <b>Gym:</b> Sprout Ball<br><b>Art:</b> Tin foil Eggs<br><b>Discovery Lab:</b> Rainbow Leaf<br><b>Games Room:</b> Game Rotations<br><b>Teen Center:</b> Seated Volleyball  |   |